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AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final third office action in the above case dated August 8, 2008 ("OA3"), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(b)) and obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art and rejected certain claims as directed to non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101). Applicants cancel non-method claims 1-6 and 13-18, which renders moot the Section 101 rejection. Applicants further amended claim 7 to further distinguish over the cited art and add claims 19-20. Applicants traverse the prior art rejection and submit that all pending claims 7-12, 19, and 20 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.